



"learning through play"

Greenhills Gazette

November 2018 Find us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/GreenhillsPreschool>

Reminders...

- * Bring labelled sun hat and please apply sunscreen before the session. Greenhills Preschool hats can be purchased at kinder for \$15
- * Please ensure that you sign your child in and out as this is a legal requirement.
- * Please ensure your child's clothing and snack belongings are labelled
- * Please bring your diaries and sign up for parent helper during our kinder sessions (even 30 minutes is worthwhile)
- * Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:
 - Ribbon
 - Glitter
 - Recycled glass jars (jam size) for our lanterns
 - Boxes – please remember we do not accept toilet rolls or boxes that have had nut products
 - Cardboard tubes
 - Large/small stones and pebbles
 - Wood offcuts
 - Material
 - Old appliances for tinkering
- * **Parents portal** - To sign up for end of year cleaning duty or laundry/gardening duty, please:
 1. Go to our website: www.greenhillspreschool.org.au
 2. Click on Portal
 3. Sign in: the password is [swiftfrogs1956](#)
 4. Select which day suits.

Duties open to all GGF/SP families

President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Only 4 weeks to go before the end of term 4! It's a time of big changes with some of our kinder friends embarking on school next year and many of us leaving Greenhills Preschool. As a parent, it has been lovely to be involved in kinder this year and see the joy, wonder and happiness it has brought my daughter before she starts school.

On November 13th we held our AGM and had a very good turnout of parents. We were able to fill all of our committee positions. Next year you will be hearing from Lauren Angel who will be taking over as President for 2019. If you would still like to be involved, please email the committee.

As we start to wrap up for the year, the committee have two more events for 2018. We will hold our annual kinder disco on Thursday December 13th. Invitations have been put out in pockets and there is information later in the newsletter. The Christmas raffle tickets will also be out in pockets soon and will be drawn at the disco. We look forward to seeing you all there. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Herb fundraiser; any unsold herb tins should now be returned to kinder.

You will soon be sent an email link inviting you to complete our parent survey for 2018. As a committee we try to communicate effectively, fundraise with ideas that are enjoyable and practical, and support the educators here. We would love your feedback on whether (or not) we are doing a good job and how we can improve for future years.

On a sadder note, at the end of the year we say goodbye to Helen (Swift Parrots) and Georgia (Growling Grass Frogs). The children have enjoyed having you with us this year and we are sad to see you go. We wish you all the best with your future endeavours.

As this is our final newsletter for the year, I'd like to thank all of our wonderful educators here at Greenhills Preschool – Emily, Karen, Debbie, Carol, Georgia and Helen. Thank you for all that you do for our children throughout the year. Thank you also to the committee for this year. I've really enjoyed working with you all and we wouldn't have achieved so much without everyone's help. Thank you Beth, Nekije, Lydia, Jemma, Despina, Lauren, Keira, Julian, Donna, Zoe, Jacqui and Bonnie.

Merry Christmas to everyone and best wishes for 2019.

Claire Hatty, President - Greenhills Committee 2018



IMPORTANT DATES



Swift Parrots casual catch-up:

Thursday 29th November, right after kinder pick-up in the small park around the corner from preschool (next to the Clay Oven café). Come & grab a coffee with other parents while the kids play.

Growling Grass Frogs Excursion to Greenhills Primary School:

Wednesday 5th & Monday 10th December (during our kinder sessions)

Kinder Disco:

Thursday 13th December, 5:30-7:30pm

Christmas Raffle:

Will be drawn at the kinder disco on Thursday 13th December

Last week of term:

Swift Parrots: Last kinder session will be on Tuesday 18th December (family members are invited to come to our short end of term concert from 10:30-11am)

Growling Grass Frogs: Last kinder sessions will be Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th December (family members are invited to kinder to help us celebrate during the last hour of our kinder session on: *Monday 17th December 12.30 – 1.30pm, Tuesday 18th December 3.30 – 4.30pm*)

End of Year Clean Up Day:

Wednesday 19th December, 9:30-1:30pm – we ask families to lend a hand to help with our end of year clean up. Please see the list of jobs on parent portal.

Kinder break-up picnic:

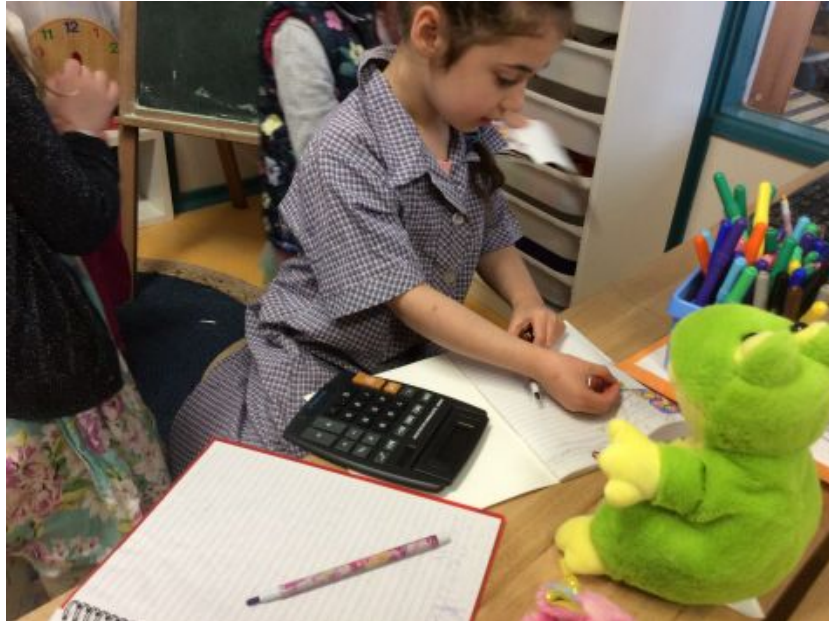
Thursday 20th December, 9-12 noon. All families are invited to spend time together as a kinder community to celebrate the end of the kinder year.
Invites will be distributed into your kinder pockets shortly.

Educator's Report

Growling Grass Frogs

School Role Play

With many friends eager to chat about school and their various orientation programs we have set up a "school classroom" to encourage children to role play different school scenarios.



What will you do at school?

Liam: lots of homework
Anjali: art & craft
Gemma: work on the computers
Bodhi: karate
Josie: work in our homework books

How are you feeling about going to school?

Layce: excited
Aaron: shy
Jude: happy
Eve: really, really excited
Tilly: nervous

What's different between kinder and school?

Yasmin: the sandpit is smaller at Greenhills primary school

Brennan: school goes for longer

Abigail: at kinder you can do what you want but at school there is a school bell

Yat: school is bigger

Jobe: you wear a uniform and t-shirt when you go to school

What will you miss about kinder when you go to school?

Molly: I will miss that you don't get to play all the time

Amira: playing with chalk and flour

Anjali: I'll miss Ava

Liam: my teachers

Vihaan: playing with the cars

Chicken-Hatching Program

Many kinder friends have excitedly observed eggs cracking open and watched fully developed baby chicks emerge. In our first week of the chicken-hatching program, we have experienced the amazing transformation from weak and wet newborns, into fluffy active chicks!



Yasmin: "Oh it is so cute"

Brennan: "I can see the crack in the shell, I think it's ready to hatch, lucky I'm watching to make sure"

Tyra: "The chick is so soft and fluffy"

Isaac. W: "I can see the egg tooth, see on the little chicken's beak."



We will continue to observe and take care of the little chicks for one more week as they grow and develop.

Discussions with Children

We acknowledge that every child and family have unique ways of celebrating. To continue our child-focused program we will be providing children with the opportunities to share how they wish to celebrate their time at kinder. We have had conversations with children about different ways and reasons for celebrating:

- End of the year
- New beginnings
- Friendships that have been built
- Families & Celebrations

Ideas on how to spend our last sessions at kinder include:

Anastasia: celebration party at kinder

Tyra: food party

Josie: dance

Adrian: zooper doopers

Isaac. W: invite parents

Scarlett: disco

Felix: cake

Vihaan: decorations

Asmi: little balls and bells

Mia: sing songs

Family members are invited to kinder to help us celebrate during the last hour of our kinder session on:

Growling Grass Frogs

Monday 17th December 12.30 – 1.30pm

Tuesday 18th December 3.30 – 4.30pm

Greenhills Community End of Year Celebration

To celebrate our time together this year we invite you all to join us at the:

***Lower Eltham (Butterfly) Park on Thursday 20th
December, between 9–12pm***

This has proven to be a great way for staff and families to celebrate the year together. The large playground allows us to all come together in a relaxed and fun way, with hopefully some favourable weather thrown in.

This is not an excursion as such, so there is no need for permission forms. The children will need to be supervised by parents at all times. Please bring a picnic, water, sunscreen, hats and something to sit on.



Farewell

We will be sadly saying farewell to both Helen Jackson and Georgia Walton at the end of this term. Thank-you to both Helen and Georgia for their enthusiasm, support and dedication to Greenhills Preschool this year. You will be missed!! ☹





Diamond Valley Food Share



Although receiving gifts is exciting for children, we thought it would be a valuable experience for all of us at kinder to be able to give to others. Thank you for your generous donations to our family hampers so far which will be distributed to families in need with Diamond Valley Food Share.

We are still collecting...

- Cans of soup, spaghetti, baked beans, vegetables, meat meals, fish, fruit
 - Packets of pasta, noodles, rice, sugar, flour
 - Long life milk
 - Cereals
 - Tea, coffee, milk
 - Pasta sauce
 - Biscuits, cake mixes, desserts
 - Spreads – peanut butter, jam, vegemite
- Toiletries – toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, sanitary items
 - Pet food
- Special Christmas goods – plum pudding, fruit cake, tinned ham, bonbons, sweets, shortbread.





To all our kinder friends and families,

A big thank-you for your support, warmth, willing participation in sessions and contributions throughout this year.

We are excited for our kinder friends who are moving on from Greenhills and we wish you all the best. For those who are returning in 2019 we can't wait to see you in the next year and hear about what you have been doing.

On behalf of all educators at Greenhills we would like to thank the 2018 Committee for their continued support, time and dedication to our kindergarten.

Love from all the Educators @ Greenhills Preschool

Swift Parrots

A highlight of this year for the Swift Parrots has been the visit from Wild Action this term.



We were introduced to a wonderful variety of animals, including stumpy tailed lizards, green tree frogs, baby crocodiles, rainbow serpents and a baby ringtail possum.



We were even lucky enough to cuddle a koala bear!



It was an informative, interactive and enjoyable hour of entertainment where the children were reminded of the importance of being gentle, kind and respectful towards animals.



The arrival of the chicken-hatching program this week will provide another opportunity to reinforce responsible and gentle care for animals. We are looking forward to being able to hold the chicks in the coming weeks.



The Swift Parrots are now making regular visits to the bush reserve. They have been enjoying exploratory, physical and adventurous play in the natural environment.



We have been staying for session length visits, taking advantage of the warm sunshine and time for longer uninterrupted play.



We even celebrated some birthdays out in the bush, which was very special for our Birthday friends, Chelsea and Fabian.



With Term 4 drawing to a close we are starting work on our end on year celebrations, creating presents and practising some songs for our short end of year concert.

Family members are invited to kinder to help us celebrate during the last half hour of our last day of term.

The Swift Parrots short end of year concert is on:
Tuesday 18th December at 10:30am-11am

As I will be leaving Greenhills at the end of this Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and families for their constant support, encouragement and friendliness this year. Although it has only been a relatively short stay, I have enjoyed my experience here immensely and feel enormously proud of the engaged and joyous learners the Swift Parrots have become. I can't wait to hear what they conquer, create and discover next!

Kind Regards

Helen

Fundraising



Uniforms

Don't forget, as the weather warms up at the end of this term and for Term 4, our purple and green kinder t-shirts and hats are available.

It's \$15 for a hat

\$20 for a t-shirt

or \$30 for both.

Please see the Educators if you would like to purchase something.



Stuck On You Labels

Our Stuck On You labels fundraiser is still in progress. These labels are a fantastic way to keep track of your child's belongings and reduce the ever-growing pile of lost property at kinder! When you visit <http://www.stuckonyou.com.au/> to order from a fantastic range of kids' labels and gifts, simply enter the code "GREENHILLSPRESCHOOL" for us to get up to 20% commission!



Litter Free Living Fundraiser

Help us reduce waste and raise money for Greenhills Preschool. When you shop at the Litter Free Living Online Store, using the code GREENHILLS, you will receive a 10% discount PLUS 20% of your sale will go back to our preschool!! This fundraiser will run all year.

www.litterfreeliving.com.au



Christmas Raffle:

\$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5

1st prize: \$70 Stuck on you voucher

2nd Prize: \$60 Stuck on you voucher

3rd Prize: Christmas hamper

4th Prize: Christmas hamper

5th Prize: Hand hamper

Thank you to the De Morton and Shemshedin families for donating the hampers.

Kinder Disco 2018

It's nearly time for the Greenhills Preschool Annual Kinder Disco!

Come along for a fun night filled with awesome dancing and great music! Request a favourite song below and listen out for it on the night. There will be a sausage sizzle provided. Please fill in your details below, tear off the slip at the bottom of this sheet and return to the Fundraising box with your payment - either by direct deposit (preferred method) into the Greenhills Preschool Bank Account (BSB: 033053, ACC: 545224, description: disco and child's surname), or cash in an envelope with your name on it, See you there!

Date: Thursday 13th December 2018

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Greenhills Preschool

Cost: \$20/family

RSVP: Friday 30th November 2018

Kinder Disco 2018

Family name:	
Child's name:	
Number attending:	Adults: Child:
Song request:	
Dietary requirements:	
Payment:	CASH / ONLINE (circle one)

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